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BEAUTIFUL YEARS

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"Golden years are passing by, Precious, precious golden years;
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The Editor's Page

BEAUTIFUL YEARS

Just A Little Look Backward

"Smile! You are to represent my picture which I shall name, 'Beautiful Years'; and I want you to be happy, jolly, fun-loving children."

This is what I said to the two lassies whose happy faces look out from the cover page of this week's Negro Farmer and Messenger. Four times they faced the camera and each time I said: "You are Beautiful Years and must smile;" and each time all the seriousness disappeared from their countenances and the lines of joy, of merriment, of the wine of youth and

of humour wrinkled their mouths and gathered about their eyes.

I wanted a picture which should represent to the eye what the past two years have meant to my life—to my heart; and I knew that in all the world there are no persons in whom the smiles are closer to the surface and who can command their own happiness and merriment as can laughing, care-free, rollicking and irresponsible girls, ready to dance, to laugh, to smile, to engage in mischief and to add to the sum of human beauty and joy. And, so, I chose me two lassies to talk to the eye of what I want to say with my pen.

Second Anniversary of Negro Farmer

This issue of the paper is the second anniversary of the birth of The Negro Farmer. The men and women who brought it forth are scattered to the four winds of our Continent. Some are at Tuskegee; some are East; some West; some North; some South; and **One** who dreamed of the paper night and day sleeps quietly

and in peace in the Narrow House—God called him.

The Editor, To The Stockholders and Board of Directors And To One Who Sleeps

I had seen thirty-six years come and go when I was called to edit the Negro Farmer; and I had received my full share of life's cares and griefs and much of its joys; but the two years spent in connection with the editing of this paper have been the most beautiful of all my life.

I have had a work which rejoiced my heart. I have lived in a community—Tuskegee—where the average of intelligence is high, away up yonder. I have had sweet converse with many of the fine men and women in our race. I have enjoyed the privileges of a teacher. I have daily renewed my youth by keeping in close contact with Tuskegee students—I must always be near young people 'till God calls me hence. Ever and anon, my work has sent me out among the strong men and the gentlewomen of the fields and I have

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It is doubtful if, since the New York Central Railroad took Elbert Hubbard's great classic, "The Message to Garcia," and printed it for national distribution, any great firm has paid a higher recognition to an editorial than has been paid by this Chicago corporation to a black man's article in which he declares that "The State has yet to be born that can keep me from thinking of the beautiful and the true and the good simply because I am a black man."

come back to Tuskegee with a new vision. They have called me back to their rural meetings and I have helped to exalt the calling of the "man with the hoe" in their hearing.

On the cover pages of this paper, ever and anon, I have placed the pictures of feminine types of our race, in keeping with my deep-set conviction that great harm will result if our girls and women are not made to know that we are proud of them and wish them to be proud of their race. I have followed this course because the faces of our girls and women have been largely absent from the journalism of the United States, except, with few exceptions, in most cruel caricatures. Many of these Farmer poses have been copied and used in some of our best white journals.

On the Sabbath Day, I have had my Sunday school class—a work of love; I have taken part in a service which rejoices my heart; have had share in the music which I must hear or be sad.

My family have been comparatively happy and contented.

Above all, I have been privileged to walk and talk with one of the rarest spirits of any of God's ages—that were benefit enough, had there been no other. Two years with the *One Who Sleeps* were a priceless boon.

For all these benefits, I am grateful in my heart and wherever they are, whoever they may be, I here and now express my thanks to the stockholders and board of directors of the Negro Farmer, and to *One Who Sleeps* for having given me the two most beautiful years I have ever known.

Beautiful Years And Negro Farmer Editorials

As a result of these beautiful years, I have been able to write a few editorials which "the faithful," as Elbert Hubbard used to say, have been kind enough to commend.

But why not? When a man loves

his work he's getting into tune with God. Nothing disturbs him; he's the friend of all and all are his friends and he loves everybody and desires to hurt no one. In such a frame of mind he may go to his chamber each night and if that were possible, can look his Maker steadfastly in the eye and say: "During this day, I have not wittingly sought to injure anyone through injustice; I have desired no man's goods; I have plotted for no man's downfall."

The Editor, to His God

To my Maker, I offer thanks for life, love, family, friends, opportunity to serve, joys, happiness, hopes, peace, comforts and comparative contentment which I have enjoyed at Tuskegee Institute during two most beautiful years.

—ISAAC FISHER.

VERSES THAT BRIGHTEN THE DAY

The average editor dreads to receive a poem from the average writer because on an average, the verses are abominable and below the average of ordinary verse-making; and these verse offerings are usually examined with positive reluctance.

But a little sheaf of verses has been left with the editor of this paper for review, and he has been made debtor to their author for the pleasure which the little gems have given him.

"Gleanings from Dixie Land," a collection of poems by a little gentlewoman named Mrs. Effie Battle, from the State of Mississippi, has delighted my heart and brightened my day. Any real singer can do that; and Mrs. Battle is a singer of merit; and I thank her, as I thank all of the elect who help me think with God, feel with God and keep in tune with beautiful thoughts, for lovely moments spent in company with a real poet. These verses of Mrs. Battle should be read not for her sake alone, but for the sake of those who love beautiful things.

Mrs. Battle had the good fortune to be born into the Negro race so that she can feel, and the additional "good luck"

to be educated so that she can express her feelings. I am proud of her and grateful to have looked into her heart through "Gleanings from Dixie Land."

—ISAAC FISHER.

HELPED BY CONFERENCE AGENT

Dallas County,
Kings' Landing, Ala.

To the Negro Farmer and Messenger:

On the night of December 22, about one hundred or more of the parents and school children gathered at the church to hear a lecture given by Mr. W. M. Rakestraw, Conference Agent. The teacher and school children having for sale a nice table of fruits and candies, everybody seemingly enjoyed themselves for a while eating fruits and candies.

After being entertained with some lively singing by the school children the House was called to order. Mr. Perry Braxton led in singing an appropriate hymn. Prayer, led by Mr. Claude Cook. This being Mr. Rakestraw's third or fourth visit to this community he needed no introduction.

Mr. Rakestraw made a very strong and timely address. He first told the people of the death of our race's great leader, Mr. Washington, and how much respect and love was shown him at his funeral and burial in floral tributes and personage. He had through his great service and love for others tied the whole world to him.

He told the people to stop going to Birmingham. "Stay at home and go to work," he told them. To work for peas, or syrup or corn if they needed it. All produce like this can be exchanged for money, and to work for anybody who had work to do. He asked them to only take three days for Christmas and go to work Tuesday morning. He also encouraged the people to diversify their crops, to carry out Dr. Washington's long preached sermon to the people: "Raise Your Food Supply; Make More Than You Need Yourself."

He instructed them to lengthen their school term another month and be sure and have a school-farm on their land.

The people in this community are working to build a Rosenwald School-house. They have already bought and paid for two acres of land, and have raised over one hundred dollars on their money.

There are some very prosperous

farmers in this community, in the person of Mr. Willie Henry, Mr. Claude Cook and others, who have raised enough food supply to do them. Mr. A. L. Shannon, mail carrier from Berlin to Kings' Landing, spoke and indorsed what Prof. Rakestraw had said, and especially about the school farm. He said he was in position to help the teacher, children and parents in having a peanut farm for the school and said he would promise us that we would get a good market for them.

Mr. Claude Cook then suggested that since Mr. Rakestraw had done so much in trying to stimulate the people to work and in getting the community together and never asked for a collection on either of his trips, he thought it wise for the parents, friends and children to donate him a Christmas box. Among those who gave are the following names: Mr. Claude Cook, Mr. Perry Braxton, Mrs. Sene Cook, Mrs. R. A. Ledgard, and others.

R. A. LEDGARD (Teacher).

A PROGRESSIVE RURAL TEACHER

Tuskegee, Alabama,
January 7, 1916.

Mr. C. J. Calloway,
Tuskegee Institute, Ala.

Dear Sir:

We are working very hard down here to enroll all the children of school age, and I'm glad to say, are getting good results from our work.

I have enrolled at least 15 children this week—several from the plantation—and, although a great many of the children are kept out on account of illness, we are moving on quite nicely.

Miss Woodall passed by Tuesday and promised to be back today. Mr. Riley was also here yesterday. He seems very much encouraged over the work here.

Our school garden is doing fine. It is said to be the best in the county. We had the pleasure of giving the County Superintendent some very nice cabbage plants from our garden yesterday. Would be glad to send up some to you if you could use them.

When are you coming down? We have been looking for you a long time. I mailed you my report for December some time ago. Please do all you can to push it through for me.

Yours truly,

IRENE MAE MCCLELLAN.

CURE BEEF AT HOME

Good Results Secured From Methods Used in Curing Pork

One of the important means of solving the high cost of living on the farm, according to P. F. Trowbridge of the University of Missouri College of Agriculture, is being neglected if each farmer does not produce and cure most of the meat for his own household.

Any of the brine or dry mixtures which give good results in curing pork can be used satisfactorily for beef, but as beef is leaner than pork, it should not be allowed to remain in the brine or mixture quite as long, or it will become hard and salty.

Dried beef should have the same cure as corned beef, care being taken not to let it get too salty. It should then be washed to remove the excess of the cure, and smoked if you like the smoke flavor. A very good country practice is to dry-cure the beef with salt and brown sugar, using about a fifth as much sugar as salt, rubbing the meat very thoroughly with the cure every two or three days for about two weeks. It should then be washed, wiped, and hung up to dry in a warm place if you do not wish to smoke it, or transferred to the smoke-house and given a light smoke.

Corned beef is at its very best when it has been in the cure about ten days. If kept in the cure more than a month, it needs considerable freshening before cooking. If you wish to preserve the red color of the beef, you should use a small amount of saltpeter, not more than two ounces to each hundred pounds of the meat. This improves the color of the meat but is detrimental in that it tends to harden the lean fibers.

SUMMARY OF BOLL WEEVIL SUGGESTIONS

(Farmers' Leaflet No. 8; Extension
Service, Alabama Polytechnic
Institute, Auburn)

By W. E. Hinds, Entomologist

1. Plan to raise all food supplies, forage, etc., needed at home.
2. Prepare ground thoroughly before planting. Practice deep plowing in fall.
3. Plant cotton when soil and air conditions insure rapid, continuous growth.
4. Provide for rotation of crops and have something to sell each month.
5. Practice frequent, shallow cultivation only, continuing until cotton opens.

6. Pick weevils, when abundant, from tops of young plants at time squares begin to form. Later, if ground is moist or temperature average below 90 degrees, pick and destroy infested squares, beginning ten days after first bloom appears and repeating every fifth day for six weeks.

7. Quicken plant growth by proper drainage, fertilization and frequent cultivation; especially increase humus in soil.

8. Quit using "gin run" seed. Select seed in field for next planting. Pick crop out as early as possible.

9. Quit allowing stalks to stand until spring. Destroy all green cotton as early in fall as possible by (a) chopping and plowing under 4 inches or more of dirt; or by (b) uprooting and burning stalks three weeks before frost where impossible to bury them. Use cover crops, clovers and grains especially.

10. Quit depending on advances; get out of debt. Quit moving around; buy a home. Build up the soil. "Use more brain and less brawn."—J. F. Dugger, Director.

JEANES SUPERVISING TEACHERS TO MEET AT TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE IN FEBRUARY

The following notice has been received from the Alabama State Department of Education:

Prof. C. J. Calloway,
Tuskegee Institute, Ala.

Dear Sir:

Will you please give publicity in the Negro Farmer and Messenger to the conference for Jeanes Supervising Industrial teachers to be held at Tuskegee during the early part of February? The Alabama supervisors are expected to spend the week beginning January 31st and ending February 5th at the Institute, where they will take a course in supervision and industrial subjects. On the 4th and 5th, they will be joined by the supervisors from other Southern States, by Dr. Dillard and others of the Jeanes Board, and the annual conference will be held. We are planning to make this year's conference the best in the history of the work, and it is hoped that every Alabama supervisor will be present the entire week.

Yours very truly,

JAMES L. SIBLEY,
Rural School Agent.

WHAT ARE FARMERS' BULLETINS?

"Farmers' bulletins" are the plain, popular talks Uncle Sam has with his people when he wants to tell them how to do things. Sometimes he talks about agriculture, or one of the many mechanical phases of life. Again, he may have something to say about home-making, or, if he thinks you may be a dyspeptic, about nutrition.

Four-fifths of these bulletins are by law at the disposal of your senators, representatives, delegates or resident commissioners in congress. If you want them, you should write to one of these gentlemen, and ask for a list of "Farmers' bulletins." Then check the titles that seem of interest to you, and return the list asking for the titles checked. If you find that any bulletin is especially useful to you, you have a right to ask for duplicate copies.

—News Notes Colo. Ag. College.

GOT A TASK THAT ANNOYS YOU? ONLY WAY TO GET THE BEST OF IT IS TO FIGHT IT OR WOO IT

"There is something very trying in a task," says Miss Eleanor Craig of the Colorado Agricultural College. "It has an unpleasant way of asserting itself at the busiest and most inopportune moments. It thrusts itself forward to blight our pleasantest hours, and comes into our lives like an avenging power. It is never welcome, always provokes, and is ever a burden to accomplish.

"There are two ways by which it can be annihilated. One is by arraying ourselves in our armor, so to speak, as they picture the Christians of old, and going out to conquer as they fought sin. The other is to woo it, as a girl a refractory lover, studying its possibilities until a real interest asserts itself and it changes its nature, ceasing to be a task, and becoming a pleasure."

RENT FOR A SHARE

Both owner and tenant get smaller income from cash rental contracts than when the work is for a share, according to figures gathered from 699 farms in Johnson County by the Missouri College of Agriculture. The man who farmed only his own land made 7.8 per cent on his investment.

HOW TO BUILD A GOWN BY COMMERCIAL PATTERNS

Directions Should Be Fully Understood —How to Fit Pattern to Person

"In using the commercial pattern," says Miss Beryl Dixon, Colorado Agricultural College, Fort Collins, "first of all be sure that all directions on the envelop are understood. Notice whether or not seams are allowed. Notice also the marks indicating folds and lengthwise threads.

"Next hold the pieces of the pattern up to the person for whom the garment is intended. If the skirt is too long, lay a tuck in the pattern midway between the hip line and the bottom of the skirt. If it is too short, cut across the pattern in the same place and insert a piece of paper. The waist should be corrected in the same way, the change usually being made half way between the lowest point in the arm hole and the waist line. The sleeve should be corrected both above and below the elbow, half of the difference being taken out in each place.

"All parts of the pattern should be placed on the material before any one piece is cut. Notice right and wrong sides of material and ups and downs if there be any. Pin in place using pins at right angles to edge of pattern as this makes tracing easier.

"Cut around the outline of the pattern. Trace seam allowance and notches showing how pieces go together. Never cut notches, as this spoils the seam in case alteration must be made. If the material will not show tracings, tailor tacks may be used for marking.

"SINCE THE LAST CONFERENCE"

The words, "since the last Conference," have been often used in the Tuskegee Conferences to describe the influence of that institution. The following are typical:

Since the last Conference Mr. S. T. Provo, a farmer of Montgomery County, bought and paid for eighty acres of land. Mr. Provo is a mule and horse raiser.

Mr. I. D. Poo owns 200 acres of land; he finished paying for it since the last Conference.

Mr. Jeter, from Cowles Station community, Macon County, finished paying for his land (420 acres) since the last Conference.

SCHOOL ON WHEELS

The Georgia State Industrial College, co-operating with the United States Department of Agriculture, is operating a school on wheels, in which is shown farm products which have been grown by colored farmers along the Central Railroad of Georgia. Following is the schedule of stops:

January, Wednesday 5—Athens, Ga.
From 9:00 a. m. to 5:00 p. m.

January, Thursday 6—Madison, Ga.
From 8:24 a. m. to 5:00 p. m.

January, Friday 7—Eatonton, Ga.
From 7:00 a. m. to 10:00 a. m.

January, Friday 7—Milledgeville, Ga.
From 2:00 p. m. to 6:00 p. m.

January, Saturday 8—Macon, Ga.
From 8:30 a. m. to 6:00 p. m.

January, Monday 10—Barnesville, Ga.
From 9:00 a. m. to 2:00 p. m.

January, Monday 10—Forsyth, Ga.
From 3:00 p. m. to 6:00 p. m.

January, Tuesday 11—Atlanta, Ga.
From 11:00 a. m. to 6:00 p. m.

January, Wednesday 12—Jonesboro, Ga.
From 7:30 a. m. to 1:00 p. m.

January, Wednesday 12—Griffin, Ga.
From 2:00 p. m. to 5:00 p. m.

January, Thursday 13—Carrollton, Ga.
From 7:30 a. m. to 12:10 p. m.

January, Thursday 13—Newnan, Ga.
From 2:00 p. m. to 6:00 p. m.

January, Friday 14—Greensville, Ga.
From 9:30 a. m. to 6:00 p. m.

January, Saturday 15—Hamilton, Ga.
From 6:30 a. m. to 9:30 a. m.

January, Saturday 15—Columbus, Ga.
From 11:00 a. m. to 6:00 p. m.

January, Monday 17—Buena Vista, Ga.
From 9:00 a. m. to 5:30 p. m.

January, Tuesday 18—Ellaville, Ga.
From 10:00 a. m. to 6:00 p. m.

January, Wednesday 19—Americus, Ga.
From 9:00 a. m. to 5:30 p. m.

January, Thursday 20—Leesburg, Ga.
From 8:00 a. m. to 5:30 p. m.

January, Friday 21—Blackely, Ga.
From 10:00 a. m. to 5:30 p. m.

January, Saturday 22—Arlington, Ga.
From 7:00 a. m. to 10:00 a. m.

January, Saturday 22—Albany, Ga.
From 12:30 p. m. to 5:30 p. m.

January, Monday 24—Georgetown, Ga.
From 8:30 a. m. to 10:15 a. m.

January, Monday 24—Cuthbert, Ga.
From 12 m. to 4:00 p. m.

January, Tuesday 25—Fort Gaines, Ga.
From 6:30 a. m. to 9:30 a. m.

January, Tuesday 25—Dawson, Ga.
From 1:00 p. m. to 5:30 p. m.

January, Wednesday 26—Smithille,

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Ga. From 7:00 a. m. to 1:20 p. m.
January, Wednesday 26—Oglethorpe,
Ga. From 3:00 p. m. to 6:00 p. m.
January, Thursday 27—Fort Valley,
Ga. From 8:50 a. m. to 5:00 p. m.
January, Friday 28—Millen, Ga.
From 9:00 a. m. to 5:00 p. m.
January, Saturday 29—Augusta, Ga.
From 9:00 a. m. to 5:00 p. m.
January, Monday 31—Waynesboro,
Ga. From 9:00 a. m. to 5:00 p. m.
February, Tuesday 1—Tennille, Ga.
From 8:00 a. m. to 1:10 p. m.
February, Tuesday 1—Wadley, Ga.
From 2:50 p. m. to 5:30 p. m.
February, Wednesday 2—Midville, Ga.
From 8:30 a. m. to 4:30 p. m.
February, Thursday 3—Rocky Ford,
Ga. From 9:00 a. m. to 3:10 p. m.

February, Friday 4—Dublin, Ga.
From 8:00 a. m. to 12 m.
February, Friday 4—Adrian, Ga.
From 1:30 p. m. to 5:00 p. m.
February, Saturday 5—Statesboro,
Ga. From 9:00 a. m. to 5:00 p. m.
February, Monday 7—Stillmore, Ga.
From 8:30 a. m. to 2:00 p. m.
February, Monday 7—Metter, Ga.
From 2:50 p. m. to 5:30 p. m.
February, Tuesday 8—Dover, Ga.
From 8:50 a. m. to 5:00 p. m.
February, Wednesday 9—Guyton, Ga.
From 9:35 a. m. to 5:00 p. m.
February, Thursday 10—Savannah,
Ga. From 9:00 a. m. to 5:30 p. m.
Mr. Eugene O. Williams is the Agent
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January 5th to 19th, 1916

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I AM FREE — YOU CAN BE FREE

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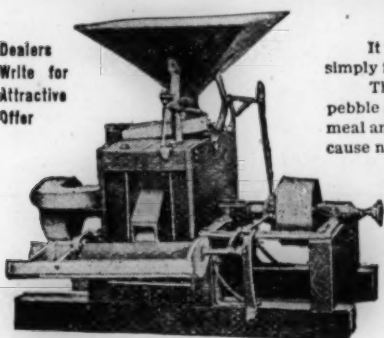
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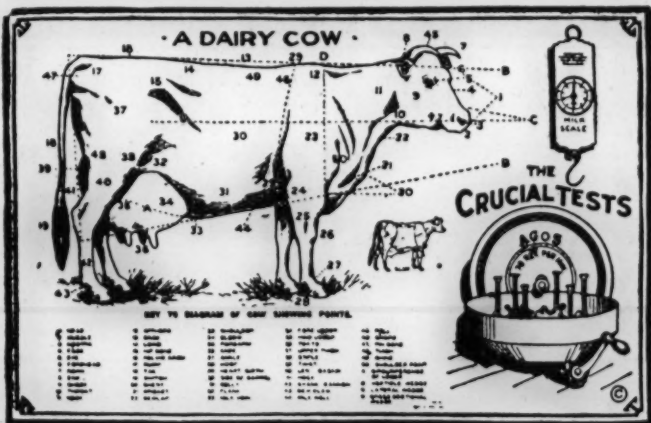
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